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"Nevertheless He saved them for His name's sake, that He might make His mighty power to be known."
(Psalm 106:8)

Our church gathers together in New Caney, Texas at 23033 Hughey Ave, 77357 / (832) 543 5333

Bible Classes	Sun, 10 AM
Worship Service	Sun, 11 AM
Bible Study	Wed, 7 PM

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Progressive sanctification? Hogwash! Beloved, listen to the progressive testimony of our brother in Christ, the apostle Paul. *"I am the least of the apostles…"* (1st Corinthians 15:9) [53-54 AD] *"…I am less than the least of all saints…"* (Ephesians 3:8) [62 AD] "…Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost." (1st Timothy 1:15 ESV) [62-64 AD]. We say with our brother, *'I know that in me (that is, in my flesh,) dwelleth no good thing'* nevertheless *'as He is, so are we in this world'–'holy and unblameable and unreproveable in God's sight'* AMEN!

WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an imperfect church, with an imperfect pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the perfect gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call His name JESUS for HE SHALL (not might, not maybe) rather HE SHALL save His people from their sins. And beloved believing sinner you already know it – you are complete in Him, saved to the uttermost.

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Happy Birthday!

Shawna Hicks - September 4th
Ray McMahon - September 5th
Liam Spring - September 30th

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"A NEW HEART…"

"A new heart also will I give you…" (**Ezekiel 36:26**)

"A new heart," not an amended, or old heart new model, but *"a new heart will I give you:"* wherefore, I should conclude, that such a heart would be perfectly holy, but I need cite no more Scriptures or produce any more arguments to prove that the sentiment of progressive sanctification is not, nor can be deducible from the work of the blessed Trinity, to whom the perfect sanctification of the church is ascribed; *"God is a Rock, and His work is perfect…"* (Deuteronomy 32:4) Secondly, I cannot find the sentiment of *progressive sanctification* in the experience of any of God's people, but, like the Arminian's sinless perfection, it is much talked of, but never realized. I have had personal [discourse] with ministers of twenty years standing, at the work, of preaching *progressive sanctification*, who have absolutely, and flatly denied the sentiment, in relation to themselves, yes they have more than acknowledged, that they had been preaching for years to their people, about a sentiment, the existence and truth of which, they never either *tasted*, *touched*, or *handled* themselves, yea more, it was *contrary* to their own experience; for, instead of them getting more and more holy, and sanctified every day, they were constrained to acknowledge, that if any alteration existed, it was, that they were worse, and worse, which made them doubt their conversion. It will not avail anything to say, as the advocates of *progressive sanctification* do, when appealed to on the point that is, not that the persons thus complaining and doubting are worse (then why so afraid, and alarmed at being thought so) [that] only they see themselves worse. Was there ever such jejune [naive] reasoning in the world, as that which the advocates of *progressive sanctification* have recourse to? why, if the subjects of *progressive sanctification* are getting better, and better every day, for twenty years continuance, surely they must be capable of discerning the cheat, which would persuade them that they get worse and worse. The fact is this, I might have said, in prospect of taking up my pen in disapproval of *progressive sanctification*, as Mr. Toplady did, prospective of his encountering with Arminian freewill, "I am in fact going to encounter a phantom." However, how consistent it is for ministers to preach to others, what they have never experienced themselves, yea, what their own experience contradicts, I will leave my reader to decide. But that this is the case, with every minister who preaches progressive sanctification, is evident, for there neither is, nor can be, such a statement made of sanctification, from personal experience, and depend upon it. All true Christian experience is, but a second edition of the Bible, written in the minds of believers by the Holy Spirit, for, *"He shall guide you into all truth."* [1 Corinthians 1:30, 1 John 4:17] – **COPIED**

"Who Is This?"

"And when he was come into Jerusalem, all the city was moved, saying, Who is this?"
(**Matthew 21:10**)

My constant prayer is that something will move this great area in which we live!

The greatest danger we face is indifference to the power of the Gospel. We need our heart, our home, our church, and this area moved to worship God. And there is only one thing that will do this – a reigning Saviour riding in triumph. Jerusalem was never moved until the Lord Jesus Christ rode into, as King.

There is a lot of Jesus preaching today, but not the Lord Jesus Christ of the Scriptures. There is a lot of salvation preaching, but not the salvation of the Scriptures. There is a lot of God preaching, but not the God of the Scriptures.

On most religion today, you can write *Ichabod*, *'the glory of the Lord is departed.'* There is no glory in a place unless Christ alone is preached as the sinner's only hope.

All down through the ages, that which disturbed this world was when people put their lives on the line for this Gospel – when people stood up and preached in the middle of the night to the few who had the courage to come together to see Christ lifted up in the preaching of the Gospel.

What will stir this place is to cry, *"Hosanna to the son of David: Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord."* When Christ is exalted in the pulpit, and in the hearts of the congregation, people will come to hear, and the Gospel will get hold of them.

A reigning Christ will move this town. A reigning Christ will become important to our children, friends, and neighbors. A reigning Christ will be worth living and dying for. This is when they will ask the question, *"Who is this?"*.

Do we know who Christ is? Is what we believe according to the Scriptures? Will we stake our life on it? Will we stake the eternal welfare of our soul on it? Will we stake the eternal welfare of our children on what we believe? Is it according to the Scriptures?

The best and only good thing we can do for our fellow-man is present Christ to him. But, to do this, we will have to know Who this is.

If I have one more sermon to preach before I die, I want it to be about my Lord Jesus Christ.

I love to tell sinners that *"God was made flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld His glory, the glory as of the Only-begotten of the Father, full of grace and truth."* I love to declare that Christ came to this earth as a Substitute for His people. I love to declare that His holy life is accounted our righteousness – that His sufferings and death constitute a complete atonement, satisfying the wrath of God for all our sins. I love to declare substitution, for this is the heart of the Gospel – the sinner in Christ's place, and Christ in the sinner's place – our debts to God paid by Christ – *"the chastisement of our peace laid upon Him"* that we might *"be justified by faith."* [AMEN!] – **Milton Howard**